

JIM CROW LAWS

UNDERSTANDING THE BACKGROUND OF *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*

WHAT ARE JIM CROW LAWS?

- Created after the Civil War and the emancipation of the slaves.
- Laws for the purpose of segregating different racial groups. The underlying purpose was to “legally” discriminate against non-whites.
- “Separate but equal”

WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF JIM CROW LAWS?

- As a group, look up different examples of Jim Crow laws. You will be finding an example to share.
 - Choose two to share
 - Write down which state the laws came from.

JIM CROW LAWS OF ALABAMA

- Sec. 102. The legislature shall never pass any law to authorize or legalize any marriage between any white person and a negro, or descendant of a negro.
- Section 256. The legislature shall establish, organize, and maintain a liberal system of public schools throughout the state for the benefit of the children thereof between the ages of seven and twenty-one years. The public school fund shall be apportioned to the several counties in proportion to the number of school children of school age therein, and shall be so apportioned to the schools in the districts or townships in the counties as to provide, as nearly as practicable, school terms of equal duration in such school districts or townships. **Separate schools shall be provided for white and colored children, and no child of either race shall be permitted to attend a school of the other race.**
- **Nurses:** No person or corporation shall require any white female nurse to nurse in wards or rooms in hospitals, either public or private, in which negro men are placed.
- **Buses:** All passenger stations in this state operated by any motor transportation company shall have separate waiting rooms or space and separate ticket windows for the white and colored races.

JIM CROW LAWS OF ALABAMA (CONT.)

- **Railroads:** The conductor of each passenger train is authorized and required to assign each passenger to the car or the division of the car, when it is divided by a partition, designated for the race to which such passenger belongs.
- **Restaurants:** It shall be unlawful to conduct a restaurant or other place for the serving of food in the city, at which white and colored people are served in the same room, unless such white and colored persons are effectually separated by a solid partition extending from the floor upward to a distance of seven feet or higher, and unless a separate entrance from the street is provided for each compartment.
- **Pool and Billiard Rooms:** It shall be unlawful for a negro and white person to play together or in company with each other at any game of pool or billiards.
- **Toilet Facilities, Male:** Every employer of white or negro males shall provide for such white or negro males reasonably accessible and separate toilet facilities.